

REMARKS

By this paper, claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 16, 21, 22, 25, 29, 35 and 38 have been amended, and claims 24, 26, 27, 37, 39 and 40 have been canceled. Claim 15 was canceled in a previous amendment. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-14, 16-23, 25, 28-36, 38 and 41-43 will remain pending in the application. The applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the amendments.

If the examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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